

A FURTHER
ACCOUNT
OF THE
STATE
OF THE
ORPHAN-SCHOOL, HOSPI-
TAL and WORKHOUSE
AT
EDINBURGH.



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A C C O U N T O F T H E S T A T E O F T H E ORPHAN-SCHOOL, HOSPITAL and WORKHOUSE at EDINBURGH.



Short Account of the Rise, Progress, Management and State of the foresaid HOSPITAL, as it stood on the first of January 1735, being formerly printed, with the *Seal of Cause*, or Deed of Incorporation, granted by the Honourable Magistrates and Town-council of Edinburgh; It is not necessary here to repeat any Part thereof.

But, for further Satisfaction of such as have, or shall yet contribute towards the carrying on this charitable and publick Work, the Governors and Managers have agreed to order printing an ABSTRACT of their REGULATIONS, that any who please may see the same, and propose what Additions or Alterations they may judge proper.

The foresaid Governors and Managers found it necessary to build more of the Fabrick of the said Hospital, for the better Accommodation of the Orphans, and for a Workhouse; and in this diverse Craftsmen have very generously assisted by their Work, as have Timber-merchants

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gifted some Timber and given down Part of their Accounts, and sundry Gentlemen and other charitable Persons have given Money for rearing up the foresaid Fabrick, which made the Expences thereof the more easy. The Work is made durable and strong ; which was thought better, than to make it slight, and to have still a Repairing : And, the Walls and Roof being now finished, there will be no need of building any more of the Plan proposed, until the Funds increase so far as to allow the taking in more Children to the Hospital than this House will contain. This additional Building was the more needful, that there might be an INFIRMARY for the Sick, and a separate Apartment for the Boys, and another for the Girls, and a House for the School, and Room to work in.

The Manner of the Childrens Education and Employment is according to the *Rules* and *Statutes* (an Abstract of which are also published) so far as their Age and Health allows ; to which we refer, and only add some Circumstances not thereby prescribed.

The younger Children have their Heads comb'd, and Hands and Faces wash'd every Morning, at their appointed Hours of rising ; and thereafter learn their Catechism till Eight, at which Time they get Breakfast, and then Family-Worship begins. Immediately after Teaching begins in the School, the elder Children come by Turns for a short Time, two Classes being at Work, and one in the School, alternatively thro' the Day. The younger Children are in the School longer Time than the elder, until they make some considerable

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Progress at their Book, and are fitter for Manufacture.

The Manner of the Childrens Instruction in this Hospital is the same as the honourable SOCIETY for CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE gives their Children in the *Highlands* and *Islands*, it being one of their Schools, *viz.* reading *English*, and Writing, learning Arithmetick, and singing the ordinary Tunes used in the Churches, and the Knowledge of right Syllabication; and according to the Statutes and Rules of the Society, and the Hospital, the Master catechises the Children upon the Grounds of the Christian Religion, as contained in the *Larger* and *Shorter Catechisms* and *Confession of Faith* of this Church; and several Times the Childrens Progress in Knowledge has been tried by some of the Reverend Ministers of *Edinburgb* and others, and have given great Satisfaction.

All the Children in the Hospital are reading the Bible, except Five, who are reading the New Testament; Forty two of them learning to write, and severals of the Boys and Girls have got the Shorter Catechism, and a considerable Part of the Assembly's Larger Catechism by Heart, and some have the Whole of it.

All in the Hospital dine at One of the Clock, the Boys at one Table by themselves, and the Girls at another Table by themselves.

The *Master*, *Mistress*, and *Doctor* or *Usher* of the School, at a Table by themselves in the same Hall, at the same Time where the Children dine. The Master asks a Blessing and returns Thanks, and inspects their Behaviour at Table.

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Immediately after Dinner, they return to School, and Work, as in the Forenoon, and continue until Eight of the Clock, save one Hour they are allowed for Diversion in the Evening.

From the first of *November* to the End of *May*, the Girls are employed in spinning Flax for Shirts, Sheets and other necessary Uses of the Hospital ; and, from the End of *May* till *August*, they are employed in knitting Stockings for themselves and the Boys ; and, from *September* to *November*, they few Linens for themselves and the Boys.

There are Ten of the Boys weaving, Four babining Yarn, Six winding Pirns, Two combing Wool along with the Wool-comber, and the rest of the Boys are employed, some spinning Slab-yarn, and some spinning and carding Backings, &c.

There are two Maid-servants, who comb the younger Childrens Heads, keep their Clothes and Stockings right, the House clean, and wash the Clothes of the Hospital ; and the elder Girls assist in washing and dressing the Clothes, readying the Victuals, cleaning the House, in order to make them fit for to be common Servants in Families, to which Service severals have been already disposed of.

Another Servant-maid dresses the Victuals in the Kitchen, and brews the Ale with Assistance of the elder Girls.

There is a Woman that teaches the younger Boys to spin, and reels the Woolen Yarn ; and the Doctor or Usher attends close on the School, teaching to read and write. The

The Mistress of the Hospital buys the Vituals, oversees the Dressing of them, and the Distribution of them among the Children ; teaches the Girls to spin, knit Stockings, and sew ; gives proper Directions to the Maid-servants for keeping the Children, the Clothes, Beds, Tables, and Furniture in the Hospital neat and clean.

The *Master* has the immediate Inspection of the whole Hospital and Workhouse under the MANAGERS ; performs Family-worship Morning and Evening, directs and assists in teaching in the School ; gives proper Orders to the Men-servants, and goes about the Affairs of the Hospital without Doors ; keeps the Books of the Charge and Produce of the Workhouse, and the Maintenance of the Family, and what is given to the Hospital other than Money, and is accountable to the Managers according to the Regulations and Statutes.

The *Master-weaver* lodges in *Paul's Work*, (a Part whereof is now in the Possession of the Hospital) has the Charge of the whole Utensils and Stuff in the Workhouse and Materials ; receives the comb'd Wool from the chief Master, and gives it out to spin ; receives in the Yarn, and prepares the same ; warps the Webs, and teaches the Boys to weave ; delivers the Cloth for Sale to the Committee of the Managers, that have the Inspection of the Manufactory.

The Number of the Children in the Hospital are Fifty four, the Master, Mistress, three Maid-servants, three Apprentices, and an Under-

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der-teacher or Usher ; in all Sixty four that are maintained in the Hospital.

The Managers resolve carefully to go on with Manufacture, according to, and in Terms of, the Seal of Cause, or Deed of Incorporation, and Design of the Contributers, so far as the Funds will allow. And the Managers do subjoin hereunto an *Abstract* of the Produce of the Manufactory since the Erection of the Hospital in November 1733, which 'tis hoped will give Satisfaction to Contributers. And 'tis greatly encouraging, that in so short a Time this Work is come so great a Length, merely upon private Donations of charitable Persons, as Noblemen, Gentlemen, Ministers, Burgesses, and others, and Collections at Church-doors and Meeting-houses, and the Care of these concerned about the same. Some few charitable Persons have at their Death left Legacies to this Hospital, and 'tis hoped many will do the like, and that in Process of Time it shall flourish, and answer the pious Design and Expectation of Contributers.

The chief Design of this Hospital is the bringing up of Orphans in the Principles of the Christian Religion, and for instructing them in Manufacture of Woolen and Linen ; and this obliged the Governors to be at more than ordinary Charges in building and enlarging the Fabrick of the Hospital, furnishing the same, also in providing Materials, Instruments and Tools for Manufacture, both in the Hospital, and in *Paul's Work* at the Foot of *Leith-wynd*, and in hiring and maintaining fit Persons to instruct

instruct the Orphans in the Art of Manufacture : And in this they have had some Encouragement from the Honourable Trustees for Improvement of Fisheries and Manufactures.

But the Revenue of the Hospital at present falling short hitherto for beginning this Work and carrying it on, the Governors at a General Meeting have appropriated a Part of their Stock for carrying on Manufacture in the Hospital and Paul's Work, under the particular Inspection of Five of the Managers, who keep regular Books of the whole of that Affair : And it has been managed with such Care, that the good Effects thereof have already appeared beyond Expectation ; for Orphans have been instructed from the lowest Part of that Work, until some of them have come to weave so well as to be capable to earn their Bread ; and the Produce of their Work is such, as that the Stock employed is not diminished, tho' a considerable Expence must be laid out in recruiting Utensils, and employing a Wool-Comber and Journey-men-Weavers to assist the Master-Weaver in Teaching.

As a Manufacture so extensive as this is designed could not be carried on by Children alone, or one Master-Weaver ; it was therefore found necessary to have two or three Journey-men-Weavers employed to work, and assist in teaching the Boys to work, and giving them an Example ; and these Journeymen have no Wages, but for the Work wrought by themselves. So that by these means we have the

Pleasure to observe, that the Edinburgh Shal-lon-trade, which was almost sunk, is now recovering, ~~to the great Benefit of the City~~, and some of the Boys have already performed of the finest Work : And the bringing up so many Boys through all the Parts of this Manufacture must be attended with a considerable Waste of the Subject, which reduces the Profit to be very small.

All the Children in the Hospital are not confined to Manufacture in Woolen and Linen ; but when any of them show Inclination to another Trade, and if their Genius appear suitable to their Choice, the Managers endeavour to provide them some proper Master in that Trade, and bind them to the same by Indentures. And if any of the Tradesmen of Edinburgh, or Suburbs, and other Part of the Country, wants an Apprentice, the Managers will bind to them any of these Boys who will incline to their Trade, as they have done to some already.

The Governors and Managers do cordially give much of their Time in attending for promoting the same in a regular Manner, and take Care to have fair Books of their Procedure, and of their Accounts kept according to the Statutes and Regulations and Orders given, and have a Treasurer, a Clerk and Book-holder, also an Accomptant and Comptroller, all serving gratis, save a small Fee to the Clerk ; which Accounts are examined Quarterly, and laid before the General Meeting of the Governors, and made patent to all Contributers.

An ACCOUNT of the Produce of
the Manufactory belonging to the
ORPHAN HOSPITAL, from the
1st of November 1733 to the 1st of
November 1736.

WOOLEN Manufactory.

TO 326 Stones of Wool bought and gifted,

*Manufactur'd in the following
Goods, viz.*

Yards.

To 439 Broad Cloth, whereof 229 Yards
made use of for clothing the Boys,
and 210 Yards for Sale.

To { 1320 Finest Cast Shalloons.

To { 1710 Second Cast Ditto.

To { 156 Third Cast Ditto.

To { 950 Rock and Wheel Sarges.

{ 92 Callimancoes for the Girls in the
Hospital.

{ 25 Plaids for the Use of the out-going
Girls.

To { 304 Blankets for the Hospital's Use.

{ 25 Aprons to the Girls.

{ 77 Coarse Cloth for Bed-Coverings.

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2000 we think may be produced from
the Yarn, comb'd and uncomb'd

7098 — Wool still on Hand and in the
Loom of Sarges and Shalloons,
as above.

200 Pair of Stockings to the Boys and
Girls.

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TO 849 Pound Weight of undress'd Lint,
— bought and gifted,

*Manufactured into the following
Goods, viz.*

Yards.

To { 310 Shirting-Cloth finer and coarser for
the Boys and Girls Use.
468 Linen for Shirting and Sheetting.
482 Shirting, Napprie and coarse Linen.

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Tho' this pious and charitable Design has, by the Blessing of God, so far succeeded, it cannot be continued and carried on without the Help and Contribution of well-dispos'd Persons: And 'tis humbly hoped, that God will incline the Hearts of many People to contribute towards it; and that the Blessing of thofe who are ready to perish will ever attend them and be their Reward.



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